

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :  
Gruskin et al. : Confirmation No.: 6177  
Serial No. 10/524,495 : Group Art Unit: 1652  
Filed: January 20, 2006 : Examiner: Rebecca E. Prouty  
For: CHIMERIC PROTEIN

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION FILED WITH A  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

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This Request for Continued Examination and Amendment and Response is filed in response to the Final Office Action issued August 21, 2009. The Office Action sets forth a three-month shortened statutory period for reply, for which submission of the appropriate fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) acts as extension of time for timely submission. The USPTO is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, and thus, this response is timely filed and is fully responsive to the Office Action.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** being on page 4.